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SUBJECT: REFUGEE PROTEST IN ROME

1. HIAS GENEVA DIRECTOR INFORMED MISSION THAT ABOUT 400 EX-ISRAEL (EX-USSR) REFUGEES HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATING IN FRONT OF HIAS-AJDC OFFICE IN ROME FOR ONE WEEK. THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR ENTRY INTO U.S. DEMONSTRATION WAS AUTHORIZED BY POLICE.

2. DEMONSTRATORS NOW APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED THREE WEEK EXTENSION OF PERMIT. THEY HAVE DELIVERED FOLLOWING PETITION TO HIAS AND AJDC: QUOTE.
DIRECTOR OF JOINT ROME BRANCH
DIRECTOR HIAS ROME BRANCH
OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN STATING PROTEST DEMONSTRATION SIX DAYS AGAINST YOUR REFUSAL TO HELP US TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. BESIDES AS FAR AS WE KNOW THERE ARE NOT CONSTRUCTIVE LOOPHOLES TO COPE WITH THIS SITUATION.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED, WE ARE INFORMING YOU THAT YOUR INDIFFERENCE TO OUR FATE COMPELS US TO RESORT TO EXTREME MEASURES OF PROTEST.

EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 1976, WE ARE DECLARING A MASSIVE HUNGER STRIKE IN FRONT OF HIAS AND JOINT BUILDINGS. ALL MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES WILL TAKE PART IN THIS HUNGER STRIKE REGARDLESS THEIR AGE AND STATE OF HEALTH.

FOR ALL CONSEQUENCES OF THE FORTHCOMING HUNGER STRIKE

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YOU PERSONALLY AND YOUR ORGANIZATION BEAR DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY.

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